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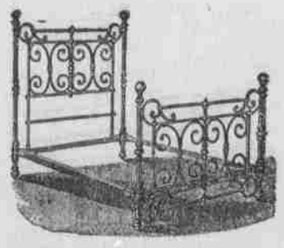

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WORK IN RURAL DISTRICTS

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An Interesting Problem in Church Endeavor—Peculiar Hindrances in Rural Districts—The Union's Special Field of Labor—A Wonderful Relief Work—An Address by Dr. Foster of Boston.

The Rev. Addison P. Foster, D. D., of Boston, secretary for New England of the American Sunday School union, preached at the Grand avenue Congregational church yesterday in the absence of the pastor, Rev. J. Lee Mitchell. In the morning the text was taken from Luke 14, 23, "Go out unto the highways and hedges and compel them to come in."

The subject was "The Problem of the Rural Districts."

The speaker in opening referred to a remark that had been made at the convention of Christian Workers in Boston to the effect that we ought to work not less in circles but more in squares. Our churches work in a circle. With the strong arms of love and faith they seek to reach their immediate neighborhood. Our denominations work in a circle. They reach those of similar temperament and type of mind. But it is good housekeeping to sweep out the corners, and this the American Sunday School union, working, as it does, for the retired rural districts, seeks to do.

The rural districts have undergone great changes within twenty-five years. Only 3 per cent. of our population lived in cities a hundred years ago. Only 8 per cent. 50 years ago. Now 29 per cent. live in cities, and this is at the cost of the rural districts. The population has steadily flowed down into the cities, and the country is depleted. The strength of the country has sought the city. The vigorous native stock of olden times has often been supplanted by a foreign element. It is impossible to maintain the advantages in the country that once were found there. Church after church has closed till abandoned churches are now to be found all over the land in rural districts. Dr. Hillis of Chicago says there are 1,000 of them in Iowa. Dr. VanVanks of St. Johnsbury says there are 290 in Vermont. Dr. A. J. Gordon of Boston has said there are 1,000 in New England. But the American Sunday School union sends its missionaries, over 125 of them, to these retired rural neighborhoods, calling on families, organizing Sunday schools, distributing Christian literature, holding evangelistic meetings and so kindling the gospel flames everywhere.

For seventy years the country has been engaged in this work, spending latterly over $100,000 a year, and now organizing schools at the rate of 1,800 a year. It has called into existence 92,700 Sunday schools and gathered 4,000,000 into these schools. Last year it had 11,000 conversions in its schools.

There are peculiar hindrances in work in the rural districts which the American Sunday School union has a special fitness to overcome.

We almost invariably find in the out districts a state of discouragement, if not of indifference. The movement of population in these days is to the disadvantage of these rural districts. Population is pouring into the cities, and the country is sorely depleted in consequence. The people in the country feel this and are hopeless, and from despair they pass over to indifference. But the Sunday school interests and benefits their children, and so arouses them from their lethargy and gives them hope.

Another difficulty is in the inaccessibility and poverty of the rural districts. It is impossible to supply all these little rural neighborhoods with churches and pastors. There is not money enough in the country to do this. But the Sunday school is always feasible. A place for the Sunday school is always to be found without cost, and for workers in the Sunday school there are almost always to be found a few Christians in the neighborhood ready to help.

The cheapness of these Sunday school methods is something remarkable. A missionary's support, including $100 for traveling expenses and $100 for Sunday school supplies, is only $800. A Sunday school can be organized for not over $25, and every dollar given is sure to put a child in Sunday school for a full year. In no other form of Christian work does a dollar bring results uniformly so large.

There is a difficulty in rural work from the presence of foreigners. These are hard to reach because of their different language, their race peculiarities and their religious prejudices. But the union Sunday school overcomes all these difficulties. It interests the children, who speedily learn to speak English; they take the story of the cross home to their parents, each in the tongue in which he was born. These foreign peoples are greatly averse to denominational influences. But the union Sunday school awakens no prejudices and is always welcome. Great numbers of these foreign peoples are found in our Sunday schools who would not come into anything denominational.

The most serious difficulty arises from the denominational prejudices in these rural neighborhoods. Such prejudices are these in peculiar strength and they often make any denominational effort impossible. A dozen families in some gorge of the hills represent at least half as many denominations. No denomination can find a footing there, but the union Sunday school is welcomed and becomes a power.

The American Sunday School union is interdenominational, working for the interests of all the churches. It leaves to the denominations all work which they are willing to do. It takes up that work which no others care to do. Sometimes out of this work churches result.

There were 108 such churches last year. But a greater work is the establishing of gospel influences in these needy neighborhoods and thus promoting a new life in the community. The little church at the center is almost deserted, but when the missionary comes and starts half a dozen Sunday schools on the hilltops, or out on the prairie around the church, presently the people in these rural districts begin to go to church, the church itself has a new life and the Lord's work is greatly prospered.

Of late a wonderful relief work has been done by the society. The Boston office alone the last two months has sent out $1,200 specifically given for the purpose and 190 barrels of clothing to be distributed by our missionaries among the famine sufferers in the west. Thus the society is peculiarly Christly in its methods, putting forth a healing touch while pronouncing the blessed gospel of salvation.

AT ST. JOHN'S P. E. CHURCH.

Rev. Mr. Means Compares the Pagan With the Modern Christian.

At St. John's church yesterday Rev. Stewart Means, the pastor, preached from the text Ephesians 11:12, "That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenant of promise." Mr. Means said that no one can read St. Paul's epistles without being profoundly impressed by the terrible picture of the pagan world and heathen society which we find in them. St. Paul speaks of the old world with a tone of impressiveness. In fact, all the old Christian fathers in their writings speak of the world in which they lived as being profoundly bad on account of the spiritual basis on which it rested, and this testimony of the Christian fathers is corroborated by the pagan literature of the time.

But it is doubtful if any of this old literature is any more debasing in its views of life than are some of our modern novels which are intended to represent life and human nature as it is. Moreover, if we look closely at that old world we find it full of splendid and powerful traditions. The most venerable and the most brilliant civilizations mingled together to make up a state of society that had everything that has to make life attractive.

Let us not believe that God ever abandoned man to his own lower nature. In every age some have borne witness of the higher truth and higher life.

Man without Christian love must love something less. The abstract law does not kindle human expression, for it has personality.

Face to face we stand with that everlasting problem which in one phase or another has placed every generation and every man who has looked up into the sky above us. This question is, What world will we live in, what Master will we serve, what life will we live?

It is not a question that the lips can satisfactorily answer. The answer must come through the days we live, through the thoughts we think, the acts we do and the things we love.

Bishop Williams of Middletown, bishop of the diocese of Connecticut, will be at St. John's church March 17 to administer confirmation.

RECITAL THIS EVENING

At Warner Hall by Miss Mary Dudley Burk.

The recital to be given by Miss Mary Dudley Burk at Warner hall to-night will be interesting to the many friends of this talented young woman, marking as it does another step in her upward career. She possesses marked dramatic ability, and as an elocutionist, has achieved success, while as an actress an equally successful career appears within her reach.

Her studies have been pursued at the Emerson school of oratory in Boston, and under Nelson Wheatcroft at the Empire School of Acting in New York city.

The program this evening is of high standard, and the assisting artists are of high prominence and ability. The program is as follows:

Gavotte.....Czibulka
String Quartet.
Baritone solo—"Come to Me".....Denza
Mr. Gwilym Miles.
Recitations—(a) "The Chambered Nautilus."
Recitation—(b) "How the Old Horse Won the Bet".....O.W.Holmes
Miss Burk.
Piano solo—(a) "Pastoral"....Scarlatti
Piano solo—(b) "Cracorienne Fantastique".....Padcrewski
Mr. F. H. Cheeswright.
Soprano solo—Aria "Amour Sail' All 'Rosee".....Verdi
Miss Florence May Loomis.
Recitation—"The Tenor"...H.C.Bunner
Miss Burk.
Baritone solo—"The Two Grenadiers".....Schumann
Mr. Miles.
Piano solo—Scherzo (B Flat Minor).....Chopin
Mr. Cheesewright.
Soprano solo—"Waltz Rondo".Gumbert
Miss Loomis.
Selections—From "The Rivals".....Sheridan
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OBITUARY NOTES.

Death of an Old and Well-Known Hamden Citizen.

Henry Warner, an old and esteemed citizen of Hamden, residing near Highwood, died at his home last evening, aged seventy-three years and six months. He was engaged in the milk business and other pursuits, and leaves a wife, who is seriously ill with the grip. He had been suffering from heart disease. He leaves a son, who was in business with him.

DEATH OF MRS. DOOLITTLE OF WESTVILLE.

Mrs. Mary A. Doolittle died at the home of her niece, No. 59 Forest street, yesterday morning, aged eighty years and five months. She was an old and esteemed resident. The funeral takes place to-morrow afternoon.

BURIAL OF AN OLD SOLDIER.

The funeral of Charles Riggs, an old soldier, who died at the hospital, took place yesterday afternoon, services being held at Lewis & Maycock's, and at the grave in the Evergreen cemetery. He died of pneumonia, after a few days illness. He served in the war in the old Thirteenth C. V. The authorities were unable to find that he had any relatives here, and the funeral was taken charge of by members of Admiral Foote post.

DIED AT SPRINGSIDE HOME.

Otto Osterholm, sixty-three years old, died at Springside farm yesterday from dropsy and heart failure. Osterholm had been an inmate of the home about one week. The remains were taken to Stahl & Hegels undertaking establishment and the funeral will take place to-day from the residence of his son on George street.

YOUNG GIRLS.

INTERESTING CONCLUSIONS.

Mothers Agree on One Vital Subject.

[SPECIAL TO OUR LADY READERS.]

Young girls, to the thinking mind, are ever subjects of the deepest interest.

Some lead lives of luxury, while others toil for mere existence. Separate, however, as their paths in life may lie, Nature demands of them the same obedience. All are subject to the same physical laws, and suffer in proportion to their violation.

Young girls are reticent through, modesty, and often withhold what ought to be told.

Yet they are not to blame, for information on such subjects has been withheld from them, owing to the false interpretation of a mother's duty.

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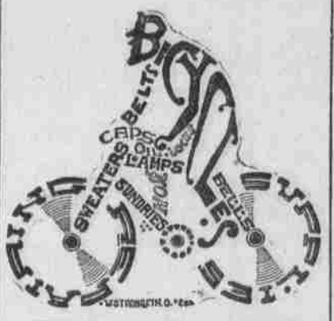

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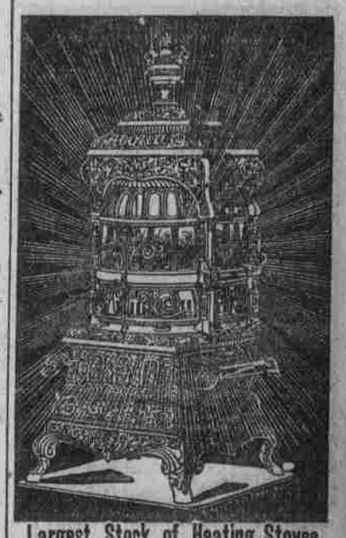

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